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Bill - fyi

This is a note we plan to send to several email lists, including:

- the 55 commenters (slightly modified to also thank them for their input) - this covers the majority of stakeholders;
- congressional staff (Brent is planning to do this as soon as we give him the go-ahead);
- federal agencies back east, including CEQ (Roger Gorke from OW gave them verbal heads-up on June 8);
- federal agency partners in CA;
- state agencies (The state and regional boards have already seen several drafts);
- a few State legislative staff (IHuffman; Wolk)

Dear colleagues -

Today, EPA is releasing an "action plan" to address water quality challenges in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. The Action Plan is based, in part, on public comments received in response to EPA's February 2011 Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. This action completes EPA's commitment in the December 2009 Interim Federal Action Plan to assess whether current regulatory mechanisms designed to protect water quality in the Estuary and its tributaries are effective in protecting aquatic resources.

While EPA's review found that much activity is under way to improve the Estuary's water quality, significant work remains. The Action Plan highlights the most critical activities, in particular, the review and modification by the State Water Resources Control Board of water quality standards to protect estuarine habitat. The Action Plan describes EPA's expectations of work that the State Water Board will do, as well as the support that EPA will provide.

EPA's Action Plan, along with the February 2011 ANPR and a synthesis of the public comments received, can be found on EPA's website:

<http://www.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/actionplan.html>

If you have any questions, my contact information is listed below. - Karen

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